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## THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ARTS AND SCIENCE.

THE widespread interest in the International Congress of Arts and Science, to be held at the St. Louis World's Fair from the nineteenth to the twenty-fourth of September, may justify a word concerning the latest stages of its development. SCIENCE has carefully sketched its beginning and its growth. Full discussions characterized the uniqueness of its plans and purpose and the scientific aims which are so different from the usual congresses with their disconnected programs and their lack of unity. These papers showed that the congress was to be controlled by the single purpose to work towards the unity and inner relation of knowledge; and that its program was a complete whole whose parts were in closest relation. The whole range of sciences is embraced, while the entire field was divided into twenty-four departments and these into one hundred and thirty sections. The addresses to be prepared by invited speakers are to deal in all departments alike with the inner unity and with the fundamental conception and methods, and in all sections alike with the interrelations to the neighboring sections and with the leading problems of the day. The discussion of the whole plan was followed in SCIENCE by reports with regard to the actions of the organizing committee that, under the leadership of Professor Newcomb, the president of the congress, secured the cooperation of leading specialists abroad. And, when at the beginning of June the list of chairmen and official speakers was completed and